(b) On the Southern Railway, the system is in vogue in the static units of Madras Central, Arkonam, Jolarpet, Tiruchirappally Madurai, Ernakulam, Erode, Coimbatore and Bangalore, and in Pantry cars of Grand Trunk, Brindaban, Kerala, Kernataka, Kovai, Vaigai and Parasurm Express trains.

(c) The labour contracts were awarded on the basis of tenders. The labour is paid by the Contractors.

(d) The judgement of the Supreme Court delivered on 4.2.1987, is under study. The order of the Supreme Court will be implemented.

Implementation of recommendations of fourth Pay Commission in DTC

188. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the grades of DTC employees have been at par with the Central Government employees and the recommendations of the earlier three Pay Commissions had been implemented in the case of DTC employees and they were given two instalments of interim relief also as per the Fourth Pay Commission's directives;

(b) whether the recommendations of the Fourth Pay Commission have not been implemented in DTC, so far; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and by when the same are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Though the employees of the DTC were earlier having the pay-scales more or less at par with those of the Central Government employees, the position as from June 1983 is not so. Since then the pay-scales of the DTC employees are not at par with the employees of the Central Government. The employees of Delhi Transport Corporation were, however, given the benefits of earlier Pay Commission reports by restructuring the nearest equivalent analogous revised pay-scales.

The DTC employees were not given the first instalment of Interim Relief as they opted for revised pay scales on the basis of recommendations of High Level Committee set up by the Government. However, the 2nd instalment of I. R. was paid to DTC employees under the direction of Supreme Court

(b) Yes, Sir. The recommendations of the Fourth Pay Commission have not been implemented in D.T.C.

(c) The revision of pay scales etc. in DTC and other similar central public sector undertakings is being looked into by a High Powered Pay Committee.

Rejection of Shrimati Anita Sud for the 10th Asiad held at Seoul

189. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shrimati Anita Sud who had been 7 times National free style swimming champion, was awarded again with 5 gold medals, ascanding as top-notch free style woman swimmer of India at the 42nd senior National Aquatics Championships held recently at Ahmedabad;

(b) whether it is also a fact that India's Selectors for the 10th Asiad at Seoul had rejected her without assigning any reason, as reported in India Today dated the 15th December, 1986, if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard; and

(c) whether Government have investigated into the case and if so, what are the findings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Facts have been ascertained from the Swimming Federation of India through the Indian Olympic Association who have stated that Miss Anita Sud was not selected for inclusion in Indian team which participated in X Asiad at Seoul because she was not able to fulfil the performance criteria of selection laid down by the Indian Olympic Association.

Harassment of sportwomen

190. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HUMAUN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a report which appeared in India Today's issue dated the 30th September, 1986 about sexual harassment, discrimination and ad-hocism towards sportwomen who are expected to please the coaches and selectors for berths on teams for important sports events;

(b) whether any inquiry has been made in this matter; and

(c) if so, what are the findings thereof and what are the measures taken by Government to prevent repetition thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c) The report in question has come to the notice of the Government. Every possible encouragement is given by Government to our sports-women, For instance, Anita Sood, Rajbir Kaur and Asha Aggarwal mentioned in the report have been honoured by conferring Arjuna Awards on them Bula Chowdhury also referred to in the report was sent to Australia for special training. Vandana Rao a long-with P. T. Usha, Shiny Abraham and M. D. Valsamma are given special facilities even when they are not participating in the coaching camps where they enjoy normal facilities alongwith other campers. The contribution of sports women to Indian sports, as evidenced in the X Asiad at Seoul is outstanding. There is certainly no harassment, discrimination or ad-hocism with regard to them by Government which provides them all encouragement. However, participation of very weak teams in high level competitions is not encouraged and so the National women's waterpolo team was not allowed to participate in World Waterpolo championship held in Madrid in August 1986 on this account. Anita Sood was not selected by Swimming Federation of India to participate in the X Asian Games as she did not qualify for selection according to criteria prescribed by Indian Olympic Association. As to other references made in the question relating to the National Sports Federations with regard to selection, etc. the matter is being looked into.

Utilisation of Air bus by Air India

191. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the utilisation of older Air-bus planes, deployed on Gulf routes by 'Air India', is 8400 hours an year which is lower than the utilisation level of Indian Airlines with respect to similar aircraft;

(b) whether it is a fact that the utilisation of the newly acquired Air bus-310 planes is also very low;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether before purchasing these Air-buses any planning was made; and